

**Isabella II, Issue of 1864**

1866, to San Miguel (Manila)  
1867, Manila to Bilbao, Spain

The circulation of money in the Philippines was in a difficult situation in the mid-nineteenth century, in the absence of Spanish Plata Fuerte, coins other coins circulated. Consequently, monetary reforms were undertaken. As part of this process, a new series of stamps was issued in 1864. The denominations were no longer stated in Cuartos and Reales de Plata Fuerte, but in their equivalents in Céntimos de Peso.

The stamps were typographed by the Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre, Madrid, Spain. They were engraved by Don Jose Perez Varela, the design of the stamps shows the left profile of Queen Isabella II.



Cover sent inter-island to Manila. It reached its destination on May 29, 1866. In Manila the stamp was tied by a Parilla cancel.

Franked with the equivalent of 5 Cuartos de Plata Fuerte,  $3\frac{1}{8}$  Centavos de Peso. This corresponded to the rate of a cover weighing up to 8 Adarmes ( $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce) valid from February 1, 1854 to February 17, 1871.



Cover sent from Manila October 23, 1867 to Bilbao, Spain. The stamp was tied by a Parilla cancel. As usually a Manila date stamp was applied on the front. The cover reached Bilbao on December 16.

$12\frac{4}{8}$  Centavos de Peso, paying single cover rate, up to 4 Adarmes, to Spain. By Governor's Decree of December 9, 1858, the unit of weight for covers to Spain was reduced from 8 to 4 Adarmes as of January 1, 1859.